

*August 16, 2020 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost*



Trinity Lutheran Church & School

*Our Mission:
To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2020

AS WE GATHER

The African American spiritual “Give Me Jesus” begins “In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus,” words that remind us that our Savior, Jesus, is with us at all times. The same truth is expressed in another hymn in which English hymnist Timothy Dudley-Smith writes: “Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.” Jesus Christ, whom we confess in the Creed, is always there to comfort and to guide us. Our songs of praise, whether new to us or old favorites, can well express our thanksgiving for His loving care.

The earthly ministry of Jesus was for the most part in a restricted geographical area. For the three years of His public work, He traveled in the area of Judea and Galilee with a singular sojourn through Samaria. But at least on one occasion, He went beyond familiar boundaries north to the district of Tyre and Sidon, in what today is Lebanon. There He brought healing for the daughter of a Canaanite woman, a person seen as a Gentile and an inferior by the Jews of His home area. The love of Jesus broke down barriers and reached across divides. As people who have been sought out by Jesus, we seek ways to extend His love as the Holy Spirit works in and through us.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Drive-In Service Only) *“Give Me Jesus”*

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 67:1–3

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us

People: and make his face shine on us—

Pastor: so that your ways may be known on earth,

People: your salvation among all nations.

Pastor: May the peoples praise you, God;

People: may all the peoples praise you.

HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

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(v 1, 2, 4, 5)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our gracious God has promised to hear and forgive for Jesus' sake. Let us therefore go to Him, confessing our sins.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Creator God,

People: we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, as well as our sinful condition. We are not the creatures You intend us to be. Forgive us and rescue us from our unrighteousness that we may reflect Your righteousness and holiness.

Pastor: Promised Savior,

People: we confess that we are not only in the world, but too often act as part of it. We are as aliens in Your kingdom of grace. Forgive us and graciously treat us as Your own people for Your own name's sake.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, Comforter,

People: we confess that we have wandered from the truth and sought to fulfill our own wants and desires. Forgive us, renew in us pure hearts, and guide us to walk in Your ways each day as long as we live.

Pastor: Our heavenly Father sent His Son into the world to bear the sins of all. He has opened the kingdom of heaven to all who trust in Him for salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord of all nations, through Your Son, You call people of all tribes, nations, and languages into Your Kingdom of grace. Give us the wisdom and mercy we need to witness to others who might be different than we are; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*

This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.
And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
to minister to him,
to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—
⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”
⁸ The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: *Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32*

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ² God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel:

¹³ I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry ¹⁴ in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

²⁸ As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹ for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now ^a receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³² For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 15:21–28*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁷ "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

REFRAIN:

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

I love to tell the story -'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy word.

(Refrain)

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

(Refrain)

SERMON: "The Faith of a Dog," *Matthew 15:21-28*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Trusting in Your promise to be a blessing to all the nations of the world, we bring our prayers before You, our merciful and almighty Lord. You have gathered people of all nations and languages to churches all over the world. Enable the Church in this and every place to be a blessing to the communities in which we live. Empower pastors to preach the Word with power, teachers to teach the Word with wisdom, and all believers to serve our neighbors with love. We pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You bring peace during anxiety and trouble. Guide all who govern to do so with reverence, impartiality, and compassion. Watch over our military personnel in harm's way, and make your comforting presence known to their families. Protect innocent people in war-torn nations. Reconcile us with our enemies. We pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You visit those whose strength wanes and whose hope is nearly lost. You healed the daughter of the Canaanite woman. Comfort all who are experiencing anxiety, all who are sick, all who are dying, and all who are mourning. Help them to see that even in times of suffering, You are there, and You will never abandon those in trouble. We pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You extend mercy to all in need. For students who begin school soon, for the teachers and administrators, and for parents of children. We ask that our children may grow in knowledge and wisdom. We pray for students returning to colleges and universities and for their parents, that their faith in Christ may be a solid rock and refuge when it seems like the foundations of life are shaking. We pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You provide for the needs of our bodies and souls. Bless the labor of all who set their hands to useful tasks—farmers and business owners, construction workers and accountants, homemakers and retail workers, factory workers and executives. Calm the hearts of the unemployed and underemployed. Grant that our land will produce a good harvest of goods and services that will bless many. Guide our stewardship of the gifts You entrust to us. We pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: (Special petitions) We pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the privilege to carry everything to You in prayer, we give thanks. Jesus told us to ask, seek, and knock. We do this today, trusting that You hear our prayer and will answer according to Your will in the name of Jesus.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”

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Christ be my leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care;
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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